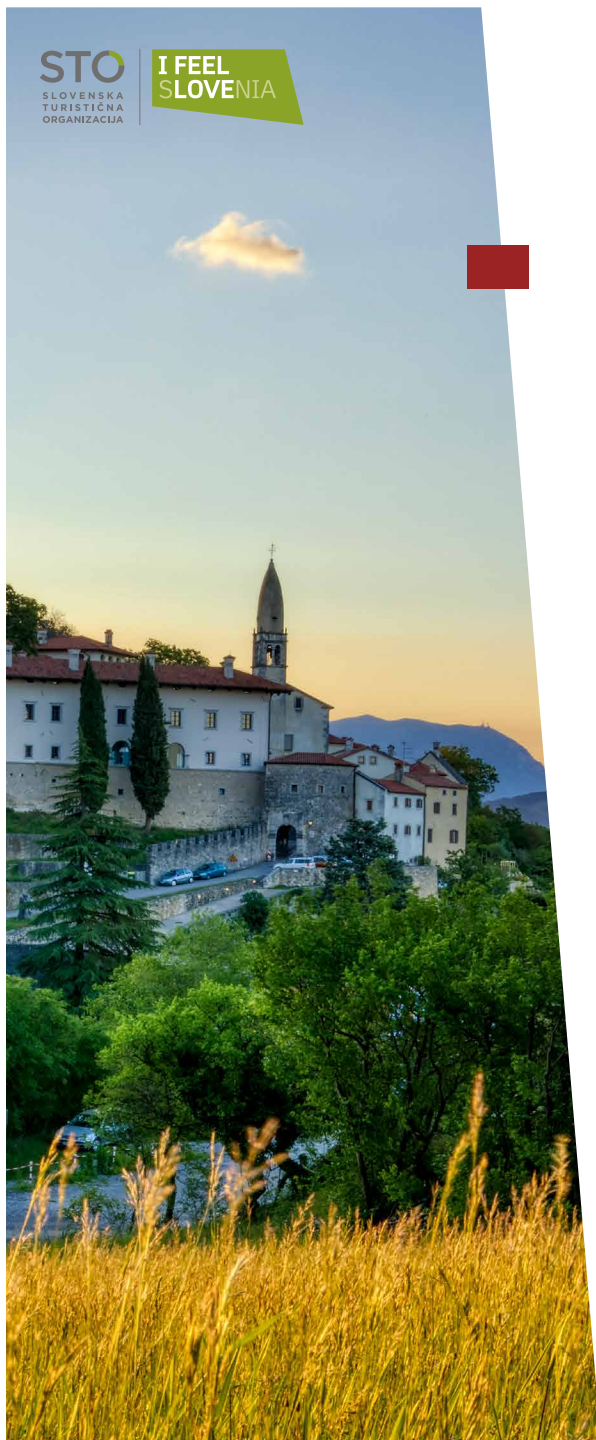


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ŠTANJEL

THE PEARL OF THE KARST



Stories of eternal inspiration

Štanjel is an icon of Slovenia's cultural heritage. Lively, impressive and attractive in any season of the year. The locals still live in their houses within the thousand-year-old walls; a number of art galleries have found their home here and the village offers all-year-round events and delicious cuisine.

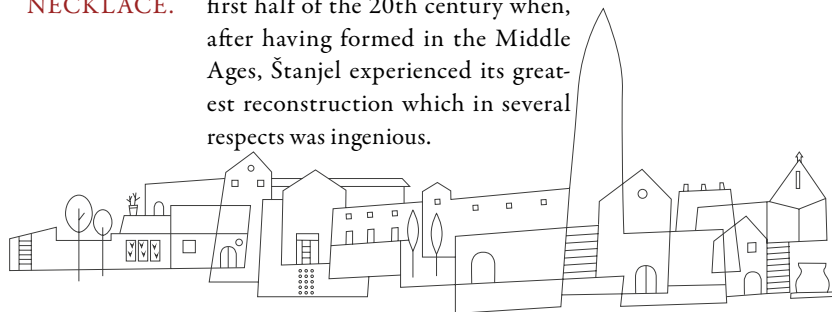
Welcome to Štanjel!



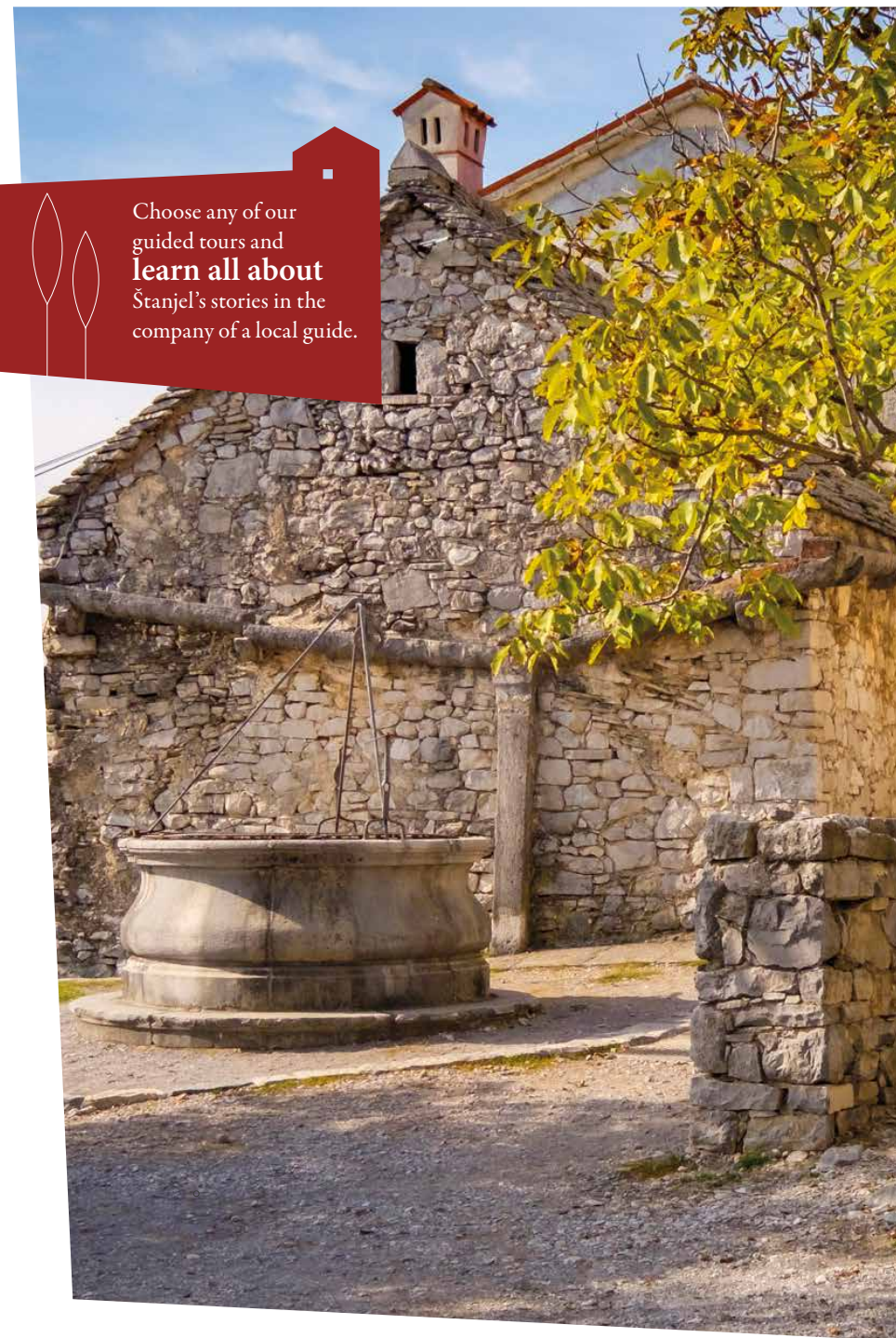
ŠTANJEL, THE OLDEST SETTLEMENT IN THE KARST

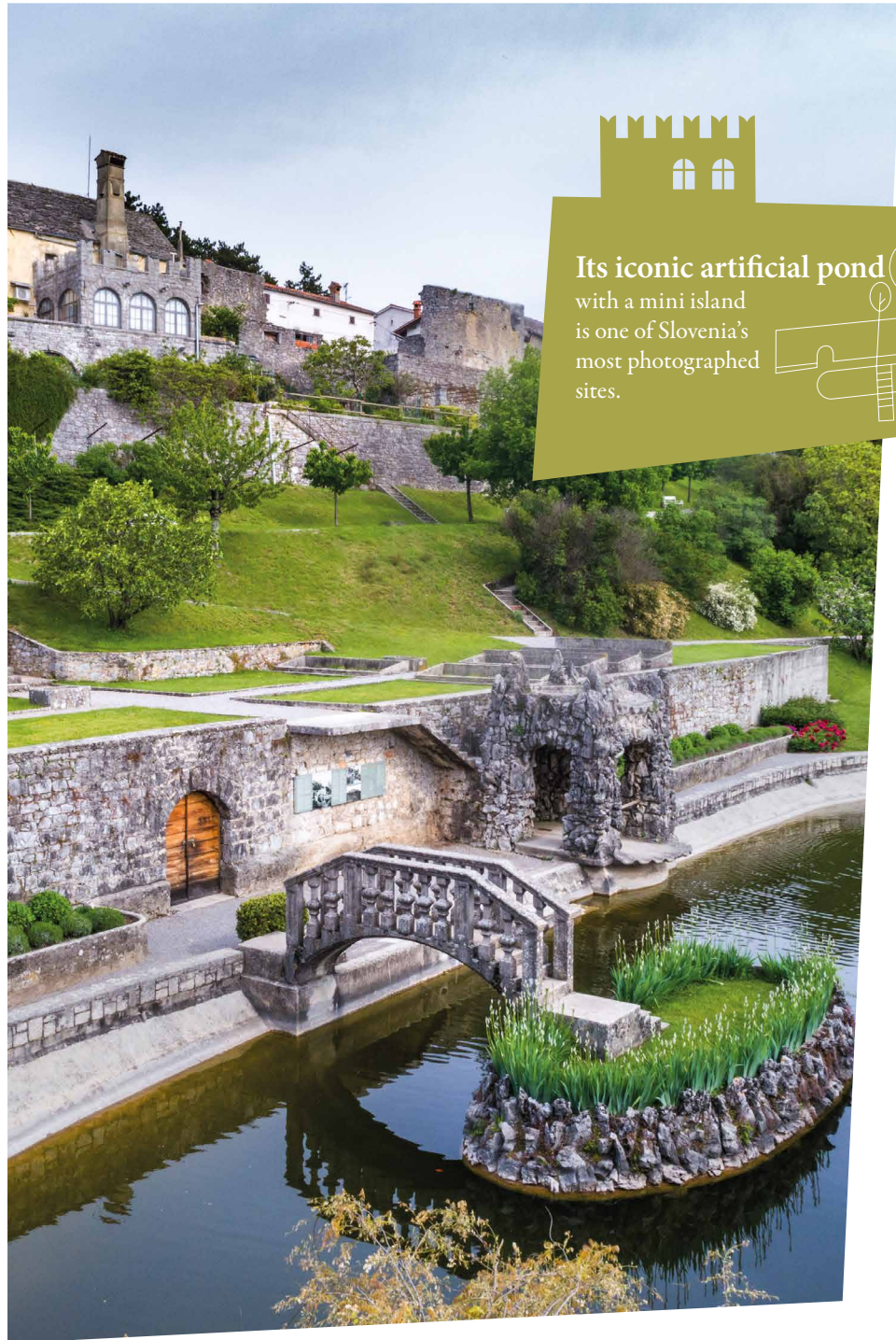
ŠTANJEL IS THE SHOWPIECE OF THE KARST. IT INSTANTLY CAPTIVATES VISITORS WITH A UNIQUE PANORAMA OF A NUCLEATED SETTLEMENT IN WHICH A SCENIC CASTLE, SURROUNDED BY WALLS, DECORATES THE TURN HILL LIKE A VALUABLE NECKLACE.

As soon as you step inside the walled settlement made from carefully cut stones, you will once again be enchanted. Well-preserved traces of millennia gone past and cultures of different civilisations provide an inexhaustible source of stories and inspiration. The present-day **Gledanica Archaeological Park** above the village is packed with traces of prehistoric settlements, remains of buildings and tombstones from the Roman period, and alleys from the Middle Ages, whereas the **impressive castle** bears witness to the wealth accumulated in later periods of history. A story in itself is **Fabiani's architectural masterpieces** from the first half of the 20th century when, after having formed in the Middle Ages, Štanjel experienced its greatest reconstruction which in several respects was ingenious.

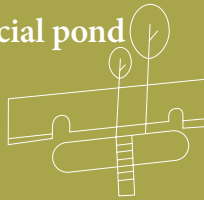


Choose any of our guided tours and **learn all about** Štanjel's stories in the company of a local guide.





Its iconic artificial pond with a mini island is one of Slovenia's most photographed sites.



FABIANI'S ŠTANJEL AND FERRARI GARDEN

A GOOD CENTURY AGO, MAKS FABIANI, AN INNOVATOR IN ARCHITECTURE, BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO ŠTANJEL WITH HIS MANY MASTERPIECES. HE WAS THE MAYOR OF THIS SMALL KARST VILLAGE FOR 10 YEARS AND, AS URBAN PLANNER AND ARCHITECT, WAS ABLE TO BRING HIS BOLD IDEAS TO FRUITION.

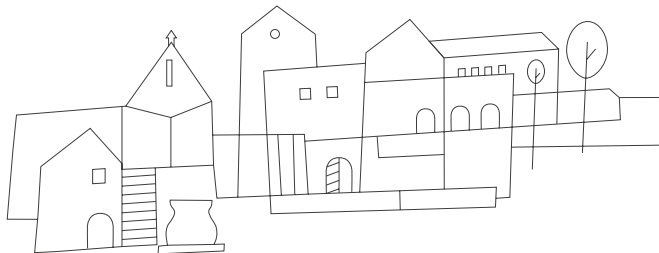
The most notable legacy of Fabiani in Štanjel is the **Ferrari Garden**, still admired for its mesmerising beauty. The terraced garden, designed to fit in with the structure of the existing village and the terrain, amazes with some original architectural solutions that are otherwise not found in the Karst. Here, you can touch the artist's dream. Among the meticulously selected plants growing on the terraces, breath-taking views open up. Much to our surprise, this Karst village still abounds with water. It is the water supply system phenomenon that places the Ferrari Garden on the historical map of architecture.



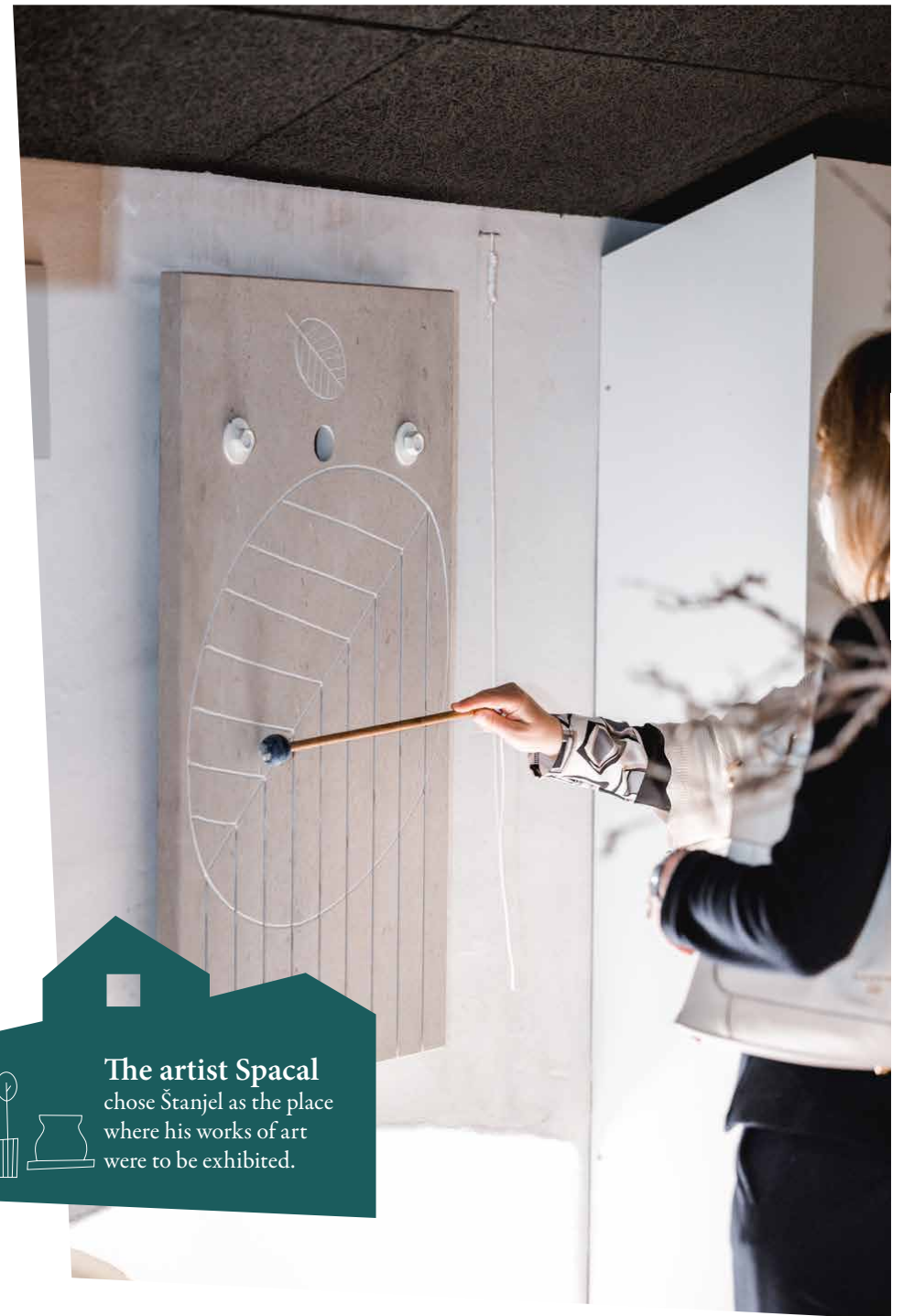
ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUM

FOR MANY YEARS, ŠTANJEL HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR A NUMBER OF ARTISTS, WHEREAS TODAY IT ALSO HOSTS THEIR WORKS OF ART.

The **Lojze Spacal Gallery** operates in the **Štanjel Castle** and displays a collection of artworks, while also hosting many other exhibitions. Known as an artist of Istria and the Karst, Lojze Spacal was inspired by motifs from both regions, transforming them into his own artistic language. Within the castle walls is also the **Štanjel Castle Museum**, hosting an interactive, experiential exhibition dedicated to nature and people of the Karst. Several small art galleries, located in renovated old houses, add a genuine charm to the medieval village.



The artist Spacal chose Štanjel as the place where his works of art were to be exhibited.





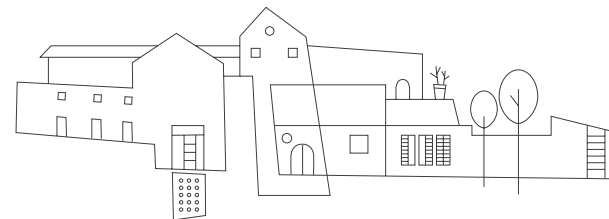
Experiences not to miss

include workshops where you can learn a number of traditional local crafts.

EXPERIENCES

ŠTANJEL IS A LIVING SETTLEMENT. AT EVERY STEP, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH THE LOCALS.

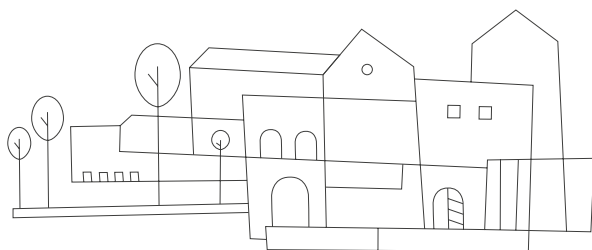
Who else can better tell the never-written stories about life in this ancient village that have been passed down from one generation to another? Štanjel holds so many stories and hidden nooks that you cannot discover just by yourself. During a guided tour, you can be as curious as you like – our guides know how to answer even the most peculiar of questions. In the company of a local guide, every visit to Štanjel will be remarkable.



CUISINE

WHEN IN ŠTANJEL,
TAKE TIME TO
TASTE AND
EXPERIENCE
THE CULINARY
TRADITION OF THE
KARST.

The contemporary Karst cuisine still follows tradition. Local restaurants and inns prepare delicious feasts from home-grown seasonal ingredients. Satisfy your palate not only with the Karst prosciutto and Teran wine, that according to tradition are the first to be served on the table, but also with other signature dishes of this land, characterised by stones, the Bora wind and biodiversity. Savour, enjoy and take the best of them home with you!



In Štanjel,
the fragrances of the Karst
are floating around,
reminiscent of the wild
nature and carefully
grown herbs and spices.





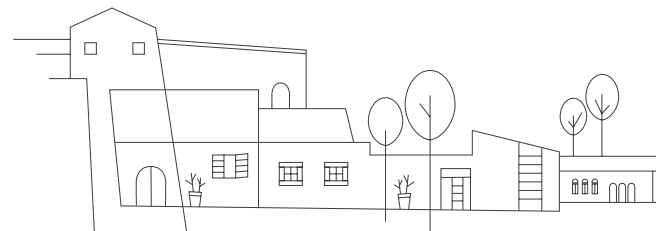
The Ferrari Garden can be your ideal setting for an **unforgettable wedding day.**



WEDDINGS

A WEDDING IS A VERY SPECIAL EVENT IN A PERSON'S LIFE AND ŠTANJEL CAN BECOME A VERY SPECIAL WEDDING VENUE.

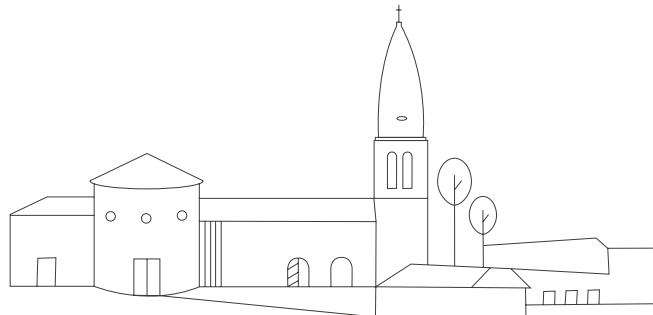
The Karst landscape and the unrivalled architecture create a wonderful ambience for a wedding ceremony, also providing a magical backdrop for photographs. But Štanjel has even more to offer. Your wedding ceremony can be conducted in the wedding hall or in the open air. **A wedding dinner in the castle setting and delicious cuisine** surely add to the charm of the event. Štanjel is the perfect venue for a beautiful dream-like wedding.



BUSINESS MEETINGS

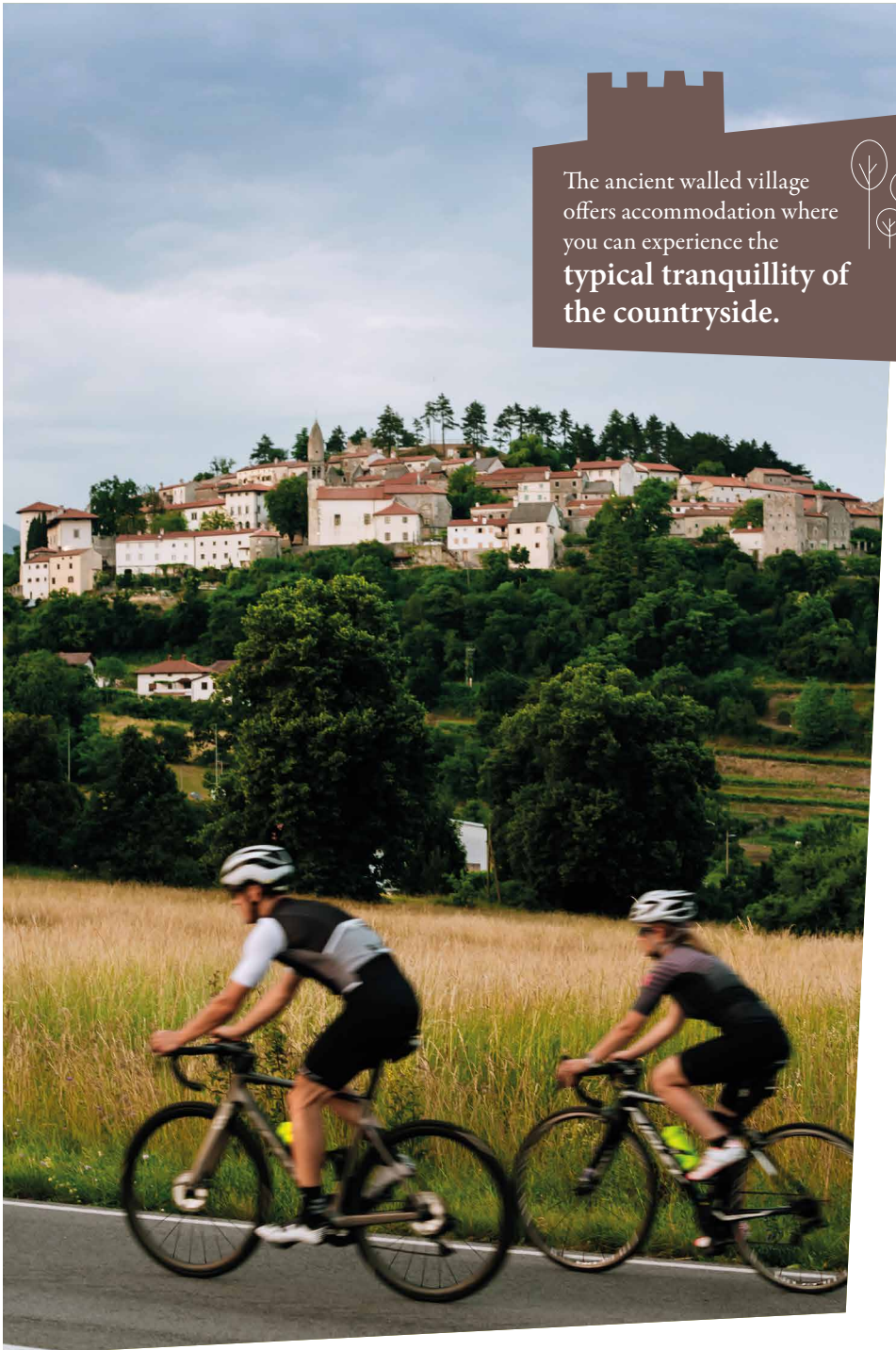
ŠTANJEL FEATURES
A NUMBER OF
LOCATIONS FOR
MODERN BUSINESS
MEETINGS.

Provides not only expert content but special experiences in an inspiring environment. The Štanjel Castle can host business meetings in Knights' Hall, Fabiani Hall, and the Square Tower. The open-air locations include the Ferrari Garden or the castle courtyard. In Štanjel, all business meetings can be made livelier with **activities and top local cuisine**, thereby offering guests a **memorable experience of the Karst**.



Our conference halls seat
10 to 120 persons,
the open-air locations even
more.

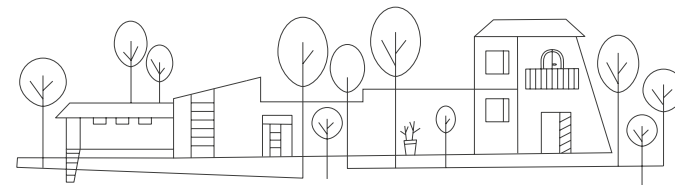
The ancient walled village offers accommodation where you can experience the **typical tranquillity of the countryside.**



ŠTANJEL, THE STARTING POINT FOR EXPLORING

GET TO KNOW
THE KARST AND
ITS NEIGHBOURS
BETTER.

Any direction you take leads to **interesting places to visit in the vicinity of Štanjel** and explore nature along with beautiful stories of the Karst, the Vipava Valley and the nearby Italian regions. Literally everywhere, **in the old villages, in the karst caves or on hilltops with a view**, you can discover some unique facets of the Karst. Find yourself accommodation in Štanjel, enjoy your stay in the picturesque settlement for a few days and explore the nearby sights.



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